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they will obtain services of the Marine Band,
or a portion of it either for the purpose of giving
concerts, or for the purpose of accompanying the
band, which will embrace Louis Weber's unrivaled
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F. SCALA,
Conductor and Leader of Marine Band.
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"Economy is the road to wealth."
Great Reduction in the price of Hats & Caps
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worth from four to five dollars; and quality, \$3.
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All kinds of soft HATS and CAPS very low.
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Whole suits, Coat, Pants, and Vest, of thin
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Fine Black Frock and Dress Coats, from \$10 to
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He keeps always on hand a large assortment of
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PANY respectfully make known to their friends
and the public generally that they will give their
annual PIC NIO on THURSDAY, June 7th, 1855, to
the WHITE HOUSE.
The Company will spare no pains or expense to
insure satisfaction.
The Refreshments will be served by an expe-
rienced cook, Mr. A. Colman.
Visiting Companies will appear in uniform.
The boat will leave Georgetown at 1 o'clock;
Washington at 2; Navy Yard at 2 1/2; and Alexan-
dria at 3 p.m.
Tickets ONE DOLLAR—admitting a gentleman
and ladies—to be had of any of the Committee of
Arrangements.
Committee.
S. G. Evans, H. Knight, S. Culver well,
S. P. Robertson, H. Keenan, R. Warren,
J. T. Hallack, J. S. Adams, J. Warren,
J. H. Giddard, Jr. T. Dawson, A. Columbus,
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JOHN TOBIAS
PRACTICAL OPTICIAN
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and brilliant transparency, suited precisely and ben-
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of those who have not yet availed themselves
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Sir—The Spectacles you made for me suit very
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**TO THE MEMBERS OF THE WASH-
INGTON NATIONAL MONUMENT SOCIETY
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.**

It has become the duty of the Board of
Managers to inform you of the causes
which disturb the discharge of the trust
confided to them.
This society was established in the
city of Washington in the year 1833, for
the purpose, as stated in its constitution,
of erecting "a great National Monument
to the memory of Washington at the seat
of the Federal Government." For this
object, the managers and their successors,
chosen under that constitution, solicited
and obtained funds from individuals, as-
sociations, and public bodies in every
part of the Union, without distinction of
party, or of creed; accepted offered con-
tributions from Indian tribes, and blocks
of marble, with suitable inscriptions,
from countries in the old world; and ob-
tained from Congress authority to build
the monument on land belonging to the
nation, at its metropolis. Their labors
have been so far successful that, there,
on the fourth of July, 1843, in the pre-
sence of the representatives of the people
and the States, and of an assembled mul-
titude, the corner stone of the monument
was laid. The work, thus auspiciously
commenced, has been diligently prosec-
uted; and at the close of the last season,
the collections had amounted to two
hundred and thirty thousand dollars, and
the shaft of the monument had reached
the height of one hundred and seventy
feet. During the past summer the man-
agers felt it to be their duty to invoke the
attention of Congress to the history and
prospects of this pious work. Their mem-
orial was referred by the House of Rep-
resentatives to a select committee, of
which the Hon. Henry May, of Maryland,
was chairman. This committee, after a
careful examination of the subject, made
a report on the 22d of February last, em-
phatically approving the conduct of the
managers, and recommending "that the
sum of two hundred thousand dollars
should be subscribed by Congress on be-
half of the people of the United States to
aid the funds of the society." The re-
commendation was understood to have
been acceptable to the House; but action
on it was interrupted by a plot, secretly
contrived, and suddenly disclosed, to re-
verse the principles on which the society
had uniformly acted, and to degrade an
enterprise, sacred to patriotism and hu-
manity, into an instrument of party or
sect. On the very day on which the se-
lect committee made their auspicious re-
commendation to the House of Represen-
tatives, a crowd of persons assembled at
the City Hall, and there voted for seven-
teen individuals, named in a printed tick-
et, to be officers and managers of this
society. This previous announce-
ment of this proceeding, was a notice
signed "F. W. Eckloff, Clerk W. N. M.
Society," and published on the evening
of the 21st of February, in the "Ameri-
can Organ" and the "Evening Star," and
on the morning of the 22d in the National
Intelligencer. On the 24th of February,
in the last named paper, the result of the
election was proclaimed in the following
publication:

WASHINGTON N. M. OFFICE.
February 23, 1855.
The Washington National Monument So-
ciety met, according to the constitution of said
society and to notices published in the news-
papers of this city, at their office on the 22d of
February, 1855, to elect the officers of said so-
ciety, and to choose thirteen members, who
with the officers, constitute a board of man-
agers. After being organized the society re-
paired to the council chamber and proceeded
to ballot. Messrs. F. A. Tucker, D. A. Gard-
ner, Charles Myers, Jackson Edmundson, John
D. Thompson, and John P. White acting as
tellers, who announced the following as the
result:
Whole number of votes cast 755, of which—
Vespasian Ellis, First Vice President, re-
ceived 754
George H. Plant, Third Vice President 755
Charles C. Tucker, Secretary 755
John M. McCulla, Treasurer 755
BOARD OF MANAGERS.
Samuel S. Briggs 755
French S. Evans 755
Henry Addison 755
Charles R. Belt 755
Joseph H. Bradley 755
J. N. Craig 755
Thomas D. Sandy 755
Samuel C. Busey 755
James A. Gordon 755
Robert T. Knight 755
Samuel E. Douglass 755
Joseph Libbey, sr. 755
Thomas A. Brooke 755
Attest: F. W. ECKLOFF,
Clerk Washington N. M. Society.

This pretended election of managers of
the Washington National Monument So-
ciety was not made according to the con-
stitution, and was without the excuse of
any notice authorized by the board of
managers. The constitutional time of
election is every third year from the
year 1835. The years, therefore, for
holding elections, "according to the
constitution," are, 1838, 1841, 1844,
1847, 1850, 1853, and 1856. The pre-
tense for holding an election in 1855, is
that the last election was held in 1849;
that the existing board of managers was
then elected; and that, dating from that
election, the year 1855 is a triennial
period. Surely, an unconstitutional elec-
tional election in 1855, is not made con-
stitutional by the fact that there had been
an unconstitutional election six years be-
fore. But the title and authority of this
board are derived, not from the election
of 1849, but from elections and appoint-
ments long prior thereto; and, in fact,
from direct grant in the constitution itself,
independent of all elections by the mem-
bers of the society, even had there been
no regular and valid elections by them
since the adoption of the constitution.
Not only has the absolute validity of their
title and authority been recognized by the
society throughout a long series of years,
and by the Government of the United
States, but it is unequivocally admitted
by the official acts and declarations of the
very parties who are now intruding them-
selves into the seats of this board, under
color of the spurious and void election pre-
tended on the 22d of February last. The

notices preceding and following the pre-
tended election of February 22, 1855,
were given without the authority or
knowledge of this board. The secretary
of the society was the officer whose pro-
vince it would have been to sign or pub-
lish any such notices. The individual who
did sign and publish them was the clerk
of the board of managers; his duties were
those of a recorder and messenger; he
had no color of authority to sign or pub-
lish any such notices; and he had not, in
any manner whatever, communicated to
the board his purpose of issuing them.
Its regular meetings were on Tuesday of
every week; the last meeting prior to the
pretended election had been held on
Tuesday, the 20th of February; and the
board then adjourned to meet again on
Tuesday the 27th of that month. In
consequence of the proceedings of the
22d, a special meeting was called for the
24th. On the reading, according to
usage, of the journal of the last previous
meeting, it was found to contain a mis-
take importing that the board had author-
ized the holding of an election on the 22d.
This falsity was by its order expunged.
According to the published report of the
pretended election, the whole number of
votes cast was 755; of which all were
given to each of the seventeen persons
elected, except one, who received 754
votes; and not one of the persons elect-
ed was a member of the existing board.
This election was carried on certificates
of membership (which can be obtained
by the contribution of one dollar for each)
issued without the authority or knowl-
edge of this board; and it is now beyond
the power of the board to ascertain by
whom they were respectively issued; or
what money, if any, was paid for them.
But it is certain that no payment on this
account has reached the hands of the
Treasurer of this Society—the officer
who ought to have received it.

The unanimity of the votes of the pre-
tended election on the 22d of February
last; the new certificates of membership
which carried that election; the total
exclusion from the future management
of the society of those who had hereto-
fore conducted its affairs; the substitu-
tion of persons, but few, if any of whom
had been known as its friends; the sudden-
ness and precision of the movement; the
concealment of the purpose up to the mo-
ment of its execution; all manifested that
the election was the result of an exten-
sive and secret combination between per-
sons not members of the Washington Na-
tional Monument Society. There is con-
clusive evidence that the plan of the elec-
tion was "silently, yet solemnly re-
solved" and framed in the secret lodges
of a sect styling itself at one time the
"Know-Nothing" party, at another the
"American" party; and that its object
was to transfer the entire and exclusive
management of the monument into its
own hands, and to oust every other de-
scription of citizens from all participa-
tion in the trust. Of such a revolution
in the principles and conduct of the so-
ciety this board could not consent to the
instruments or the agents, as they would
have made themselves by a voluntary
surrender of their trust to illegal suc-
cessors. On the morning of the 24th of
February several members of this board
repaired to their office, in advance of a
special meeting of the board, which had
been called and was to be held at noon.
The clerk exhibited to them a letter
which had been addressed to him by Ves-
pasian Ellis, Esq., claiming to have been
elected first vice president of the society,
in which letter the clerk was warned not
to allow any use or inspection of the
books and papers of the office without an
order from the writer, or those whom he
represented. The pretensions of the let-
ter were also urged by several persons who
came in, claiming to be officers and man-
agers under the proceedings of the 22d.
The constitutional managers present, dis-
regarding these interruptions, examined
to some extent the books and papers in the
office; but during the examination others
of the pretended board entered the office,
and at length the claimants under the
movement of the 22d organized them-
selves into a board, and adopted a res-
olution requesting all present who did not
belong to it to leave the room. The con-
stitutional managers present disregarded
this intimation, as they also did several
quite intelligible predictions of attempts
at violence from without, which the pre-
tended managers would be unable to
prevent or control. At length, the pre-
tended board being still present, this
board proceeded to business. After cor-
recting the journal as before stated, they
appointed a committee, consisting of Gen.
Jones, Mr. Fendall, Col. Force, Mr.
Lenox, and Mr. Smith, to investigate the
existing state of things and report thereon
at the next regular meeting. This com-
mittee, after a careful consideration of
the subject, made, on the 27th of Feb-
ruary a report, closing with the two fol-
lowing conclusions:

1. That the election held on the 22d
day of February, 1855, was held one
year before the time when an election for
officers can lawfully be held under the
second article of the constitution, and
is, therefore, unconstitutional, null, and
void.
2. That the officers and managers in
office on the day of the pretended elec-
tion, on the 22d day of February, 1855
are still in office, as holding over in virtue
of previous elections and of the require-
ments in the constitution that vacancies
occurring in the board of managers shall
be filled by the board until the next
regular election; and that the same are
the constitutional and lawful officers and
board of managers of the Washington
National Monument Society.

The board unanimously adopted the
report of the committee, and also the
following resolutions:
1. Resolved, That the election held on
the 22d inst. of officers and managers of
the Washington National Monument So-
ciety, was in direct violation of the con-
stitution of the said society, and there-
fore null and void.

2. Resolved, also, That this board, be-
ing by virtue of the constitution of the
Washington National Monument Society
the existing board of managers, and as
such charged with a trust of the most
solemn character in behalf of the Ameri-
can people, cannot voluntarily surrender
the same.
3. Resolved, further, That the above
resolutions be communicated to the gen-
tlemen claiming under the election of the
22d inst., and that we propose that an
amicable suit be instituted for the pur-
pose of testing the rights of the two
parties.
These resolutions, accompanied by a
letter from the secretary, were accord-
ingly communicated to the pretended board.
The letter is as follows:

OFFICE OF THE W. N. M. SOCIETY.
Washington, Feb. 27, 1855.
MR. VESPASIAN ELLIS, and others.
GENTLEMEN: I am instructed by the
board of managers of the Washington
National Monument Society to transmit
to you the accompanying resolutions.
They set forth the conclusions of the
board of managers, after the most ma-
ture deliberation, upon the subject in
question; and they are offered in a spirit
of conciliation and harmony.
If the third resolution shall meet your
approbation, I am requested to suggest
that a committee should be appointed on
your part to consummate the agreement
and arrange the necessary details.
An answer at your earliest convenience
is respectfully requested. Respectfully
yours,
JOHN CARROLL BRENT,
Secretary W. N. M. S.

To the foregoing communication the
following answer was given:
OFFICE OF THE W. N. M. SOCIETY.
Washington, Feb. 27, 1855.
JOHN CARROLL BRENT, Esq.,
Washington, D. C.
DR. SIR: In accordance with the in-
structions contained therein, I herewith
transmit to you a copy of resolutions
this day adopted by the board of man-
agers of the Washington National Monu-
ment Society.
The committee appointed under the
third resolution consists of Messrs. J. H.
Bradley, V. Ellis, and J. N. Craig. If
it is desired that this committee confer
with the members of the late board, you
will please notify me when and where
such an interview can be had. Very re-
spectfully, your obedient servant,
CHAS. C. TUCKER,
Secretary W. N. M. S.

Resolved, That this board do not ad-
mit the right of the gentlemen constitu-
ing the late board of managers of this
society to interfere at all in the affairs or
administration of this society other than
as members thereof.
Resolved, That we, in the prosecution
of the great designs of the society, de-
sire to discharge our duties so that there
shall be no ground left for any want of
harmony between our predecessors and
ourselves, and that we will do all we can
consistently with our duty to the society,
and to the country, to promote that
harmony.
Resolved, That with this view a com-
mittee of three members of this board be
appointed to confer with those gentle-
men in response to the resolutions re-
ceived from them to-day, and that they
report to the next meeting of this board.
Resolved, That the secretary commu-
nicate a copy of these resolutions to John
Carroll Brent, Esq., from whom the res-
olutions of the late board were received.
This board regarded this response as
conveying, though in terms somewhat
equivocal, a substantial rejection of their
proposal to submit the matter in con-
trovery to judicial decision. They nev-
ertheless accepted the overture, hesi-
tantly made, for a conference, and ap-
pointed a committee, consisting of Gen.
Jones, Col. Force, and Mr. Lenox, to
meet the committee of the pretended
board. The two committees accordingly
met together on the 3d of March, but
without being able to agree on any terms
of arrangement; the committee of the
pretended board adhering to the refusal
to submit the controversy to judicial de-
cision. On the 7th of March, Mr. Wm.
Lougherty, the superintendent in charge
of the monument, received a letter from
a committee of the intrusive board, re-
quiring him to forbear calling on the
watchman for collections made by him
at the monument; which letter the super-
intendent promptly answered, denying
the authority under which it was written.
On the 8th of March, in the absence of
the superintendent, they obtained from
George Hilton, the day watch, the keys
of sundry buildings on the monument
grounds, including the office of the super-
intendent. On the 9th of March the super-
intendent received a communication from
them, to the effect that they had removed
him from office, and appointed Mr. Samuel
Briggs, one of their number, in his place.
Disregarding this notice, the superinten-
dent continued to exercise his authority.
He received from Hilton a key with which
he unlocked the doors of several of the
buildings. He then looked and nailed up
the doors of the buildings. Afterwards,
on the same evening, the doors were
broken open, including the door of the
office of Barrow Frere, the night watch,
the key of which had not been out of
Mr. Frere's possession, and other locks
were placed on the doors. On the 10th
of March, the superintendent, in pursu-
ance of an order from this board, adver-
tised for sale two horses belonging to the
society. A new opportunity was thus
afforded for bringing to the test of a ju-
dicial decision the conflicting claims of
the parties; but the intrusive board, firm
in the purpose of evading such a test,
contented themselves with applying to
the auctioneer for the proceeds of the
sale. The auctioneer paid them over to
the constitutional treasurer of the society.

On the morning of the following Mon-
day (March 12th) the superintendent, ac-
companied by Mr. Frere, the night watch,
and by no one else, proceeded to his of-
fice on the monument grounds. He found
it occupied by his pretended successor,
the captain of the day police, the captain of the
auxiliary guard, and others, and outside
of the door was a miscellaneous assem-
blage of persons. Mr. Briggs refused
to surrender the possession which had
been obtained by violence on the preced-
ing Saturday; and the superintendent
was forcibly ejected from the premises.
From the foregoing statement it will
appear to you that the existing state of
things is the result of a combination out-
side of the society to obtain, for party
ends, possession of the monument and
control of its affairs; that the secret as-
sociation which planned this revolution,
through boasting that their power is per-
manent as well as irresistible, yet refused
to wait for the time when the revolution
could be affected "according to the consti-
tution," but hastened to their object in vi-
olation of that constitution; that, having,
with the connivance, at least, of the clerk
of the board of managers, made an election
which was void on its face, they at once,
with only this mockery of right, arrogat-
ed to themselves a title beyond dispute,
and denied to this board the right of even
inspecting the books and papers which
were the result of their own labors; that
this board, though satisfied, on careful in-
quiry, that the election of the 22d of Feb-
ruary was a nullity, and that they them-
selves were the constitutional managers
of the society, yet repressing their just
indignation, and anxious that the sacred
trust in their charge should not become a
subject of strife, proposed an amicable
suit for obtaining a judicial decision on
the conflicting claims; that the adver-
sary party rejected this reasonable offer,
thus refusing in a country of laws, that
the law should determine the controversy;
that, by the aid of another faithless sub-
ordinate in the service of this board,
they obtained the keys of buildings on
the monument grounds; that after the
doors had been locked by the superin-
tendent, they got possession of the build-
ings by breaking open the locks; and
that this possession is still maintained.
This board would certainly not question
it, if considerations merely personal
could be a rule for their conduct. From
a trust which has been long, toilsome,
gratuitous, and often inconvenient, they
are willing to be relieved. But they are
not willing to desert it. The acceptance
of that trust was a pledge on their part
to be faithful to it; and this pledge would
be broken by a voluntary surrender of
their authority to persons whom they be-
lieve to be usurpers. Few imaginable
circumstances could justify such a sub-
mission. In the present case it would
be left without excuse by the proclaimed